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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SENATOR SPARKMAN

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1. WE HAVE MADE A TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT FOR MONTGOMERY WITH G.A. TROFIMENKO, HEAD OF THE USA INSTITUTE'S FOREIGN POLICY DEPARTMENT, FOR 1000 ON NOVEMBER 6. THE USA INSTITUTE WILL CLOSE AT 1200 BECAUSE OF NATIONAL HOLIDAY ON NOVEMBER 7, AND OUR CONTACT WAS FIRM IN HIS INSISTENCE THAT NO ONE COULD BE RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME. TROFIMENKO IS WELL INFORMED ON ALL ASPECTS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, INCLUDING MORE SPECIALIZED AREAS SUCH AS ARMS CONTROL AND MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS. WE WILL CONFIRM APPOINTMENT IF MONTGOMERY AGREES TO TIME. EMBASSY BRIEFING CAN BE ARRANGED FOR AFTERNOON OR CAN FOLLOW MEETING WITH TROFIMENKO.

2. RE PARA 3 REFTEL, NAVAL ATTACHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH JAMES FREE. HE WILL ALSO REQUEST THROUGH SOVIET AUTHORITIES THAT A SOVIET NAVAL OFFICER MEET WITH HIM (REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITTEN FORM). HOWEVER, HE IS PESSIMISTIC THAT PERMISSION WILL BE FORTHCOMING. CHANCES FOR AN INTERVIEW MIGHT BE IMPROVED IF HE COULD PASS TO THE SOVIETS THE SUBJECT OF INTEREST TO FREE (OR, EVEN BETTER, THE QUESTIONS FREE WILL HAVE IN MIND), BUT EVEN THEN PERMISSION IS UNLIKELY. AS IN PARA ONE ABOVE, CHANCES OF AN APPOINTMENT WITH ANY SOVIET OFICIAL AFTER 1200 ON NOVEMBER 6 ARE ALMOST NONEXISTENT. WE WILL NEVERTHELESS REQUEST APPOINTMENT FOR AFTERNOON, BUT WILL BE READY TO FALL BACK TO A MORNING

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MEETING IF SOVIETS WILLING TO RECEIVE FREE AND IF FIRST

PREFERENCE ON TIME IS NOT GRANTED.

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